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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: CODEL WOLFF BACKGROUND

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1. REP. LESTER WOLFF (D-NY), REP. CHARLES B. RANGEL (D-NY)
AND HFAC STAFF CONSULTANT DR. JOHN BRADY LEFT WASHINGTON
RATHER SUDDENLY ON MONDAY AUGUST 6 (TAKING ADVANTAGE OF
REP. EILBERG'S PLANE TO MANILA) AND THERE WAS NO OPPOR-
TUNITY FOR DEPOFFS TO BRIEF THEM BEFORE DEPARTURE. LATEST
INFORMATION INDICATES THAT REP. BELLA ABZUG (D-NY) AND
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HUSBAND JOINING WOLFF IN MANILA FOR REST OF ITINERARY.

REP. MORGAN MURPHY (D-ILL) AND CHICAGO TRIBUNE REPORTER
AND REP. PETER STARK (D-CAL) MAY JOIN IN BANGKOK. REP.
JOHN CONYERS AND AN ASSISTANT MAY JOIN NEXT WEEK.

2. AS POSTS AWARE, REP. WOLFF HAS MOVED INTO A MAJOR
POSITION IN THE HOUSE ON NARCOTICS MATTERS IN LAST YEAR
AND HALF. HE HAS INTRODUCED VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND
AMENDMENTS TO THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND MOST RECENTLY HAS
BECOME CHAIRMAN OF A NEW SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTER-
NATIONAL DRUG PROGRAMS UNDER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUB-
COMMITTEE. WOLFF IS GOOD ALLY FOR NARCOTICS AID FUNDS
SINCE HE DOES NOT THINK ENOUGH HAS BEEN SPENT TO DATE,
PARTICULARLY IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES, AND IN JUNE
THIS YEAR HE INTRODUCED AMENDMENT IN HOUSE TO INCREASE
AUTHORIZATION OF NARCOTICS FUNDS IN FY 74 FROM DOLS 42.5
MILLION TO DOLS 50 MILLION (FYI HOUSE PASSED AID
AUTHORIZATION BILL WITH WOLFF AMENDMENT FOR DOLS 50
MILLION; SENATE VERSION CALLS FOR DOLS 40 MILLION FOR
NARCOTICS FUNDS BUT BILL HAS NOT YET COME OUT OF SENATE
FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL SENATE PROCESSING AND
RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO HOUSES. END FYI)

3. POSTS SHOULD PROVIDE WOLFF AND OTHER MEMBERS PARTY
WITH THOROUGH BRIEFINGS ON PROBLEMS AND PROGRESS OF
COUNTRY PROGRAMS. DR. BRADY IS WELL INFORMED ON WORLD
NARCOTICS PICTURE AND WILL BE HELPFUL TO POSTS IN BRIEF-
ING THE CONGRESSMEN. FOR ANTICIPATING QUESTIONS, POSTS
SHOULD BE GUIDED BY REP. WOLFF'S JULY 26, 1973 REPORT
ALREADY FORWARDED TO POSTS AND BY WOLFF'S STATED PURPOSE
FOR TRIP OF GATHERING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PRODUCTION
AND TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS AND ASCERTAINING STEPS BEING
TAKEN BY THE U.S. TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION OF OTHER GOVERN-
MENTS PER SECTION 481 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT (WHICH
DIRECTS PRESIDENT TO SUSPEND ECONOMIC AND MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TO A COUNTRY WHEN HE DETERMINES THAT SUCH
COUNTRY HAS FAILED TO TAKE ADEQUATE STEPS TO CONTROL
ILLEGAL TRAFFIC OF NARCOTICS THROUGH ITS BORDER).
QUESTIONS RAISED BY REP. WOLFF TO CINCPAC DURING STOP
OVER IN HAWAII DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY INCLUDED MILITARY
PERSONNEL DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS, POSSIBLE PRC INVOLVEMENT
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IN ILLICIT TRAFFICKING, TRAWLER INTERDICTION PROGRAM IN
GULF OF THAILAND AND THAI COOPERATION WITH THIS PROGRAM,
AND IF THERE ANY PLANS FOR POLICING WATERS AROUND HONG
KONG. ROGERS

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